

## **MENTORING SESSION #19**

Name of Protégé \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Mentor \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Session \_\_\_\_\_

“Ultimately, America’s answer to the intolerant man is diversity, the very diversity which our heritage of religious freedom has inspired.”  
Robert F. Kennedy

### **PROFESSIONAL:**

**Core area of focus:** Diversity

**Subject:** Pluralism, Tolerance and Religious Accommodation

**Bring to the session:** - DoD Directive 1300.17, Accommodation of Religious Practices Within the Military Services  
- AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel  
- AFJI 48-110, Immunization Waivers  
- Chief of the Chaplain Service’s letter on Prayer at Staff Meetings

1) Review and discuss DoD Directive 1300.17, Accommodation of Religious Practices Within the Military Services and AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.

a. Discuss how religious apparel may or may not be worn while in uniform.

b. Discuss the criteria commander’s use to decide whether to allow the wear of religious apparel.

2) Review and discuss AFJI 48-110, Immunization Waivers and how to support an airman’s request for this waiver.

3) Define the meaning of pluralism. Discuss the challenges that are inherent in ministry in a pluralistic environment.

4) Differentiate between tolerance and accommodation. Cite examples of each.

5) Have the chaplain interview other chaplains on the staff discussing the major beliefs and practices of their faith groups. Consider the historical context of each faith group. Discuss theological similarities and differences. Discuss ministerial boundaries they may have.

6) Discuss the Chief of the Chaplain Service’s letter on public prayer. Discuss the various events and environments in which a chaplain may be asked to pray.

### **PERSONAL:**

Describe a time someone accommodated your need when it was different from their worldview.

**NEXT SESSION DATE and TIME:**